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May 1, 2007

“American Cancer Society Relay for Life”

Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells which, if not controlled, can result in premature death; and cancer is predicted to strike one out of every three Americans sometime in our lifetime with an estimated 133,225 new cases of cancer diagnosed in California in 2007.

Approximately 34,565 new cases of cancer are estimated to occur in Los Angeles County in 2007, and 13,635 Los Angeles County citizens are expected to lose their battle with cancer this year.

The American Cancer Society is the nation’s largest and most respected voluntary health organization since 1913 and has funded research which has contributed to every known method for detecting cancer and techniques for treating cancer: thereby increasing the cancer survival rates from 10% to over 65%.

The American Cancer Society is a voluntary community-based coalition of local citizens dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem through financial support and education awareness; and the color purple is the signature color of the “American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life” events signifying the passion that cancer survivors, their families and loved ones feel for the eradication of this disease.

The RELAY FOR LIFE event financially benefits the American Cancer Society’s research and patient support programs, and educationally benefits our local citizens; and the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life in Pasadena is a community event that allows an opportunity to network with businesses, associates, family and friends,

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with the same goal of making a difference in the battle against cancer.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles proclaim May 1, 2007 as PAINT OUR TOWN PURPLE DAY; and June 2 and 3, 2007 as RELAY FOR LIFE Day throughout Los Angeles County to show our support for those individuals living with cancer, and honor those individuals who have lost their lives to the dreaded disease.

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